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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Customer Number: 20277

Confirmation Number: 8071 Masaaki HIRANO, et al.

: Group Art Unit: 1791 Application No.: 10/590,278

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING OPTICAL FIBER MATRIX

## AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2009, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on January 1, 2010, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.